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Flu Season is Here -- It's Not Too Late For a Flu Shot

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Even though Influenza B has been identified in Kansas, it is not too late to get a flu shot. A popular misconception is that once the virus has arrived, it is too late to build immunity against the flu if you have not received the vaccination.

It is true that it takes two weeks for the vaccine to become effective, but the body begins building some protection almost immediately. Therefore, if someone were exposed to the flu, the symptoms still would be less severe than if they did not receive the shot at all.

The Sedgwick County Health Department has administered 12,500 doses of influenza vaccine, exceeding recent years, and is continuing to give flu shots for \$10. Call 660-7301 for additional information.

“We are very happy with the turn out for flu shots this year,” said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. “This shows that the citizens of Sedgwick County rely on the Health Department to provide these services.”

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